

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on March 12, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: Informational Hearing.
Executive Action: None.

00:02:38 Chairman Lind

**HOUSE AND SENATE HEARING ON BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE
PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY**

Proponents:

00:04:23 Tony Colter, Plant Manager, Sun Mountain Lumber

EXHIBIT (nas52a01)

00:08:49 Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness
Association

00:17:18 Rick Frankie, Smurfit-Stone Container

00:19:59 Bruce Ramsey, Supervisor, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National
Forest

EXHIBIT (nas52a02)

00:23:03 Land Tawney, National Wildlife Federation

00:25:35 Ed Reggen, Resource Manager, R-Y Timber

00:30:08 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited

EXHIBIT (nas52a03)

00:33:53 Charlie O'Leary, Chairman, Council of Commissioners,
Butte-Silver Bow

EXHIBIT (nas52a04)

00:39:09 Suzanne Browning, Supervisor, Butte-Silver Bow Forest

Opponents:

00:42:32 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner

00:54:40 David Schultz, Madison County Commissioner

00:58:55 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

01:01:41 Rich Lane, Forestry Consultant

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:41 Rep. Barrett to Bruce Ramsey, Supervisor, Beaverhead National Forest (BNF)

01:08:34 Sen. Tash to Bruce Ramsey, BNF

01:13:52 Rep. Erickson to Bruce Ramsey, BNF

01:16:04 Rep. Heinert to Bruce Ramsey, BNF

01:21:45 Sen. Harrington to Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commissioner

01:29:09 Rep. Dickenson to Tony Colter, Plant Manager, Sun Mountain Lumber

01:33:51 Rep. Dickenson to Ed Reggen, Resource Manager, R-Y Timber

01:36:03 Sen. Kaufmann to Tim Baker, Executive Director, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

01:42:22 Sen. Curtiss to Tim Baker, MWA

01:44:52 Sen. Curtiss to Charlie O'Leary, Chairman, Council of Commissioners, Butte-Silver Bow

01:48:50 Sen. Lind

01:49:11 Rep. Hendrick to Rick Frankie, Smurfit-Stone Container

Closing:

01:54:31 Sen. Lind

01:55:17 Rep. Vincent

02:00:26 Rep. Barrett

**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION & HELENA
NATIONAL FOREST**

02:04:32 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

02:05:28 Howard Lemm, Director, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

02:09:29 Kevin Riordan, Supervisor, Helena National Forest

EXHIBIT (nas52a05)

Discussion:

02:19:56 Sen. Tash to Kevin Riordan, Supervisor, Helena National Forest (HNF)

02:21:20 Sen. Tash to Tom Rhode, Regional Planner, HNF

02:24:10 Sen. Tash to Kevin Riordan, HNF

02:24:51 Dave Kesche, Federal Natural Resources and Conservation

02:30:07 Tom Sawatdke, Bureau of Reclamation

02:34:51 Chairman Lind

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas52aad.pdf](#))